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I claim:

1. A method of age verification comprising the steps of:

A. Displaying a gateway page;

B. Displaying a penalty statement on said gateway page;

C. Entering a user's date of birth in a date of birth block on said gateway page;

D. Entering a user's name in a signature block on said gateway page;

E. Clicking on an activation button; and

F. Calculating a prospective user's age by determining a difference between a current date and said user's date of birth.

2. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of displaying an E-Sign Act statement on said gateway page.

3. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of displaying a terms and conditions statement on said gateway page.

4. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of displaying completion instructions on said gateway page.

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1 5. The method of age verification of claim 1 wherein said penalty statement comprises a
2 statement that said user's date of birth is provided subject to penalties of perjury.
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4 6. The method of age verification of claim 5 wherein said penalty statement comprises a
5 statement that said user's date of birth is provided subject to penalties of perjury pursuant to
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8 7. The method of age verification of claim 2 wherein said E-Sign Act statement comprises a
9 statement that an Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act governs.
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11 8. The method of age verification of claim 7 wherein said E-Sign Act statement references 15
12 U.S.C.
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14 9. The method of age verification of claim 3 wherein said terms and conditions statement
15 comprises a statement that a user agrees to site terms and conditions.
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17 10. The method of age verification of claim 9 wherein said gateway page further comprises a link
18 to said site terms and conditions.
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20 11. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of displaying a protected
21 inner page if said user's age meets or exceeds a threshold age.
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12. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of displaying an access denied page containing an access denied message if said user's age does not meet or exceed a threshold age.

13. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of displaying an age limitation statement on said gateway page.

14. A method of age verification comprising the steps of:

A. Displaying a gateway page;

B. Displaying a penalty statement on said gateway page;

C. Displaying an E-Sign Act statement on said gateway page;

D. Entering a user's date of birth in a date of birth block on said gateway page;

E. Entering a user's name in a signature block on said gateway page;

F. Clicking on an activation button; and

G. Calculating a prospective user's age by determining a difference between a current date and said user's date of birth.

15. The method of age verification of claim 14 comprising the further step of displaying a protected inner page if said user's age meets or exceeds a threshold age.

16. The method of age verification of claim 14 comprising the further step of displaying an access denied page containing an access denied message if said user's age does not meet or exceed a threshold age.

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17. The method of age verification of claim 14 comprising the further step of displaying a terms
and conditions statement on said gateway page.

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18. The method of age verification of claim 17 comprising the further step of displaying a warning
and an age limitation statement on said gateway page.

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19. The method of age verification of claim 18 comprising the further step of providing an exit
button whereby a user may voluntarily leave said gateway page by clicking on said exit button.

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20. The method of age verification of claim 1 comprising the further step of storing in memory an
access attempts record containing at least one prospective user's name, date of birth, and time
and date of attempted access.

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21. The method of age verification of claim 20 comprising the further step of storing in said
access attempts record at least one IP address from which an access attempt has been made,
whereby evidence bearing on an age of said prospective user seeking access may be preserved.

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22. The method of age verification of claim 14 comprising the further step of storing in memory
an access attempts record containing at least one prospective user's name, date of birth, and
time and date of attempted access.

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- 1 23. The method of age verification of claim 22 comprising the further step of storing in said
- 2 access attempts record at least one IP address from which an access attempt has been made,
- 3 whereby evidence bearing on an age of said prospective user seeking access may be preserved.